

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6-16, 20-65, and 69-77 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 15, 29, 50, and 75 are in independent form. Claims 1, 2, 15, 29, 38, 42, 43, 50, 58, 59, 69, 72, 73, and 75 have been amended to define Applicants' invention more clearly. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action states that Claims 1, 2, 6-16, 20-65, and 69-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Office Action states that “a table of limited capacity describing at least part of a monochromatic component of one of the bands” is subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Office Action further states the following, at page 4:

Applicant points out page 5 and page 13 of the specification teaches a table of limited capacity is created for each monochromatic component of a wider band. The examiner does not see how the limitation of “a table of limited capacity is created for each monochromatic component of a wider band” is translated into the limitation of “a table of limited capacity describing at least part of a monochromatic component of one of the bands.”

Claims 1, 15, 29, 50, and 75 as amended are supported by the originally filed specification, at least at page 13, line 14, to page 14, line 23. In particular, Claims 1, 15, 29, 50, and 75 as amended each recite that a table is created of limited capacity

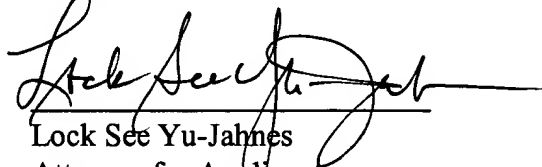
describing a monochromatic component of a wider band. This recitation is supported at least at page 14, lines 8-11, where it is stated: "If it is a case of a document to be printed in colour, the rasteriser 4 generates as many tables T_a , T_b , T_c , T_d as there are monochromatic components necessary for printing the document, for example black, cyan, magenta and yellow." Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 15, 29, 50, and 75, and the claims depending therefrom, are supported by the originally filed application.

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 6-16, 20-65, and 69-77 under Section 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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